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March 8, 2022

Michael Gormas
United States Department of Transportation
Office of Aviation Analysis
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Temporary Relief of U.S.C. 41732(b)(1)(A)

Dear Mr. Gormas:

Liberal Mid-America Regional Airport is requesting that our EAS carrier, SkyWest Airlines, be relieved from the frequency requirements set forth in U.S.C. 41732(b)(1)(A) regarding the scheduling of flights effective March 4, 2022 through February 2023.

Although SkyWest Airlines, Inc. would prefer to continue providing scheduled air service to these communities at 12 flights per week, the staffing imbalance caused by the COVID-19 pandemic hampers SkyWest's ability to meet this schedule. Staffing imbalances are being experienced across the industry with multiple carriers announcing increased hiring in 2022 to help meet travel demands that are continually adjusting. By reducing frequency, SkyWest aims to keep EAS service reliable, instead of offering schedules that might result in extended delays or cancellations.

Thank you for your consideration,

Calvin Burke
City Manager